§ 3771. Information available for prescribed purposes.

(a) Prohibition against use or revelation of information for other than stated purposes; immunity of copies from legal process; requirement of consent for admission as evidence or for use in judicial or administrative proceedings.

Except as provided by Federal law other than this chapter, no officer or employee of the Federal Government, nor any recipient of assistance under the provisions of this chapter shall use or reveal any research or statistical information furnished under this chapter by any person and identifiable to any specific private person for any purpose other than the purpose for which it was obtained in accordance with this chapter. Copies of such information shall be immune from legal process, and shall not, without the consent of the person furnishing such information, be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any action, suit, or other judicial or administrative proceedings.

(b) Criminal history information; disposition and arrest data; procedures for current collection, storage, and dissemination; security and privacy; use for lawful purposes; challenge or correction of information of automated system.

All criminal history information collected, stored, or disseminated through support under this chapter shall contain, to the maximum extent feasible, disposition as well as arrest data where arrest data is included therein. The collection, storage, and dissemination of such information shall take place under procedures reasonably designed to insure that all such information is kept current therein; the Administration shall assure that the security and privacy of all information is adequately provided for and that information shall only be used for law enforcement and criminal justice and other lawful purposes. In addition, an individual who believes that criminal history information concerning him contained in an automated system is inaccurate, incomplete, or maintained in violation of this chapter, shall, upon satisfaction verification of his identity, be entitled to review such information and to obtain a copy of it for the purpose of challenge or correction.

(c) Penalties for violations.

Any person violating the provisions of this section, or of any rule, regulation, or order issued thereunder, shall be fined not to exceed $10,000, in addition to any other penalty imposed by law. (Pub. L. 90-351, title I, § 524, as added Pub. L. 93-83, § 2, Aug. 6, 1973, 87 Stat. 215.)